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LESSON FOR AUGUST 4.

THE WORTH OF THE KINGDOM.

LESSON TEXT-Matthew 13, 44-53.
GOLDEN TEXT-"Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

We have studied some of the principles that are to obtain in the establishing and the working out of this new kingdom Jesus came to found, and the question naturally arises, "Is It of sufficient value for me to consider or seek to enter it, or to possess It?" In our lesson today there is set before us four parables (Jesus' favorite way of teaching) which he gave privately to his disciples and not to the multitude, that ought to answer any such questioning in our hearts.

The first two have to do with the great value of the kingdom, the second its mixed character and final separation, and the last, the great responsibility of those who possess its truths. In this entire group of parables found in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew are four that are for men who are careful to observe the outward development, and four others that are for those men of faith who see beneath the surface the hidden things of the kingdom. Those men who view the kingdom in each particular age as God sees rather than as man observes.

Today's lesson sets forth the purchase of things of great value, the acquisition and disposition of things of a mixed value, and lastly, the use of these values after coming into the possession of them.

I. The hidden treasure, v. 44. Perhaps more properly this should be termed the parable of the bought field. We need to remember that in all of these parables the Master himself is the important personage. He is the one who sows the seed, etc. Hence we understand that he is the one who discovers this great treasure hidden in the field. He has already told us that "the field is the world" (Matt. 13:38).

Symbolism of Pearls.

II. The pearl of great price, vs. 45, 46. This parable is very much the same as the foregoing, yet it adds great strength and force to this study in values. We ought to be very clear in our study and application. The pearl of great price may perhaps be taken as a symbol of our salvation, but if so for us to interpret the merchantman as the commonality of man would be for the sinner to purchase his own salvation, a thing as far as possible for the New Testament teaching.

Why does Jesus speak of pearls to the Hebrews who did not esteem them at all? What is the symbolism of a pearl? The pearl is the one precious stone that is the result of a living organism; it is the result of an injury done to the life of the oyster. It has always stood for purity and for innocence. Is it then illogical for us to assume that Christ is the merchantman who gave all to redeem (e. g., buy back) the lost souls of mankind?

III. The drag net, vs. 47-50. This parable is another that deals with the mixed character of the kingdom hero upon the earth and of the final separation incident thereto. It is noticeable that this is collective, not individual, fishing. There will be many movements that will ostensibly be for the gathering of men into this kingdom, but the principle here laid down is that one considered in the lesson of the wheat and the tares, viz., that ultimately there shall be cast out all things that do offend. In the finality of all things the kingdom shall be without spot or blemish. Hence we do not read into this parable emphasis upon any phase of evangelism.

Search the Scriptures.

IV. The householder, vs. 51-53. In the first of these parables we had the Word as the seed of this new kingdom. in this the eighth of the kingdom parables we revert as it were to the matter of the Word. Jesus asks his disciples if they understand the Word he has spoken to them. Their response is, "Yes, we do." Then Jesus shows them what a burden of responsibility due to possession rests upon them. Jesus refers to the Scribes whose work under the Jewish economy was to transcribe and to interpret and tells the disciples that they in a like manner are to interpret the kingdom to all men. They are to "bring forth" hidden treasures. We must remember that Jesus taught in parables that "hearing they might not hear." etc., hence we are to search the Beriptures and bring forth these hidden transures of truth as we go about distance over more

ENGLAND WILL SEEK CHURCH AID

Roman Catholics to be Asked for Extension of Missions in Peru Rubber Country

Washington, D. C .- In the hope of alleviating conditions among the Peru Indians in the Putumaya rubber country, the British government has concluded to aid the extension of the Roman Catholic church in that sec-

As the laws of Peru forbid the operation of missionaries of any other denomination, the British view is that only through that agency can the welfare of the natives be safeguarded.

Overtures have been made to the pope, and if he is willing to sanction extension of Catholic missions in that part of Peru, efforts will be made to obtain, through popular subscription sufficient funds. There are already some Catholic missions in the rubber country, but they are operating at great disadvantage and in a limited

KANSAS MAYOR FACES PRISON

Destroyed Concrete Walk Around Park, Which Had Been Ordered Against His Will.

Pittsburg, Kansas.—Some time ago the council of Arma, a small city near here, over the protest of Mayor Morgan, let contracts for concrete walks around the city park. The contractor was at work when the mayor approached and took a look. The sight of public work ordered against his will angered the executive.

Near him was a shovel. He seized it and jumped into a big block of saft cement. In a few minutes he had ruined the walk with boot and shovel. The president of the council and the contractor appeared before the county attorney and swore out a warrant, charging the mayor with felonious and malicious destruction of public property, which is punishable by imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

ADOPT KANSAS' "BLUE SKY" LAW

Insurance Commissioners, in Session at Spokane Propose Similar Statutes in all States.

Spokane, Washington.-That a uniform "blue sky" law based on the Kansas law, will be drafted and presented at the next session of the legislature in every state in this country, was determined upon by the national convention of insurance commissioners, now in session here.

A subcommittee of the legislative committee consisting of J. A. Q. Prous of Minnesota, J. B. Young of North Carolina and H. L. Ekern of stock selling, not only of insurance companies, but of all corporations the stock of which is offered to the pub-

BIG LINER CUT COLLIER IN TWO

Seven Hundred Passengers on Empress of Britain in Panic-Smaller Vessel Sunk Rapidly.

Montreal Canada,-The Canadian Pacific railway steamship Empress of Britain, outward bound, collided with the collier Helvetia, in a dense fog in the St. Lawrence estuary.

The collier was sunk, but its crew was rescued. The Empress was damaged severely and turned back for Quebec.

The Empress sailed from Quebec Friday night with 700 passengers for Europe. The Helvetia was bound from Sydney for Montreal with a cargo of 8,000 tons of coal.

It is understood that the Empress struck the Helvetia amidship, cutting the collier squarely in two. The small vessel sank almost immediately, but there was quick work aboard the liner and rescue of all hands was speedily effected.

Mad Cat Bit Children.

Wichita, Kansas.-Two small children, son and daughter of John Engstrom, a wealthy lumber merchant here, were bitten in the legs by a house cat while at play and were sent to the Pasteur Institute at Kansas City for treatment for rables. The cat has been chained up as it shows signs of being mad.

Macon Families in Camp. Macon, Missouri.-Several Macon families are enjoying community life under tents at the Blees academy lakes this month. There are ten or 13 private tents and a dining tent, or "tabernacle." Within a mile and a half from town the campers have every pleasure that could be afforded at one of the Northern lake resorts.

Packing Plants Divided.

Denver, Colorado.-Dissolved by the povernment, the National Packing sompany divided its plant in Denver squally between Armour and Swift to the exclusion of the Morris interests.

MISSOURI STATE CAPITAL ITEMS

NOTES THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO MISSOURIANS.

Brief Mention of Matters as They Occur at Jefferson City, Official and Otherwise.

Jefferson City .- The advocates of the single tax have probably lost one of the propositions they desired to submit as a constitutional amendment next November. It relates to the appointment of a single tax commission

of three members by the governor, The secretary of state has verified the signatures on the petitions to submit the single tax amendments, which makes provision for exempting all personal property, save that owned by public service corporations, from taxation and also on the second proposition, which provides for a commission to put the first amendment in force.

Two sets of petitions were circulated to submit the tax commission amendment. One provides for the appointment of the commission in 1913 and the other in 1914, but neither has sufficient signatures in the necessary number of districts.

Undoubtedly, some one blundered in permitting the two sets of petitions for the same object to be circulated. The secretary of state is of the opinion that the mistake cannot now be rectified, but he has addressed a letter to S. L. Moser of St. Louis, head of the State Single Tax League, advising him of the situation and requesting him to come here and bring the attorney for the league, Frank J. Lyan of St. Louis, for a conference to determine if there is any way possible under which the second proposition can be submitted to the voters next November.

The first official inspection of the Old Trails road, Missouri's first crossstate highway, will be made this month by Curtis Hill, state highway engineer, and an officer of the association. In the party which will leave Columbia at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning will be Mr. Hill, Walter Williams, president of the Missouri Old Trails association and dean of the school of journalism; Frank L. Martin of the state university, and P. B. Venable of Columbia. Photographs of the road will be taken and data will be gathered for an official report to the state board of agriculture. The party will go west Thursday to Wisconsin, now is drafting a law Rocheport, Fayette, Glasgow, Gilliam, which will cover the manipulation and | Slater and Marshall, stopping at Lexington at night. Friday morning ehe car will go to Kansas City. Returning it will leave Kansas City Friday noon for Wellington, Lexington, Dover, Waverly, Grand Pass, Marshall, Arrow Rock, Boonville, arriving in Columbia Saturday night. The inspection trip of the east end will start from Columbia next Tuesday morning. Other association officers will join in this trip. Dean Williams and Professor Martin will gather data and pictures for a book to be issued about the road by the Old Trails association. ---0-

> The secretary of state completed a verification of the signatures to the proposed mill tax amendment to the constitution and ascertained that sufficient signatures had been obtained to validate it. The following propositions, will be submitted to the voters under initiative and referendum petitions: A special mill tax for support of the university, normal schools and public schools. Exempting personal property, save that owned by public service corporations, from taxation. Requiring grand juries to investigate ballot boxes following elections.

Two Kansas City corporations were issued charters the same day by the secretary of state: Fidelity Lumber company, capital \$650,000; stockholders, F. J. Bannister, 6,100 shares; R. A. Long, C. B. Sweet, J. E. Foreman and M. B. Nelson, 100 shares each. All are residents of Kansas City. Rat Swat Manufacturing company, capital \$2,000; stockholders. C. B. Reese, V. B. Cunningham, F. McGraw.

State Treasurer James Cowgill disbursed Missouri's share of the "Morrill Fund," amounting this year to \$50,000. Missouri university receives \$35,156.25, the school of mines and metallurgy at Rolls, \$11,718.75, and Lincoln institute at Jefferson City, \$3,125,

Charters were granted to Kansas City corporations by Secretary of State Roach as follows: Simpson Setate company, capital stock, \$84,000; Independent Harvester Company of Missouri, capital \$20,000; Intra Real Estate and Loss Company, septial

HER EVENING TO BLUNDER!

Fate Evidently Was Determined to Be Unkind to Fair Diner Making Conversation.

"Can you tell me," remarked a fair ady of her partner at the supper table, who that exceedingly ugly man is? I mean the one sitting opposite you?" The gentleman smiled sardonically. "Oh, he's my brother!" came the

reply. The lady went scarlet, and her confusion was almost painful.

"Oh, I'm so sorry!" she stuttered, apologizing profusely. "You see, I did not notice the resemblance between

A moment later she turned to her neighbor on her left, who happened to be a woman.

"Do you see that handsome fellow over there, twisting his mustache?" she asked. "He's been watching me, and making eyes at me all the evening. Who is he?"

The other woman turned scornfully and angrily upon her.

"Oh, he's only my husband!" came the biting reply.

Boy Answered Collier.

John Muir, California's naturalist and explorer, relates the following story of Col. D. C. Collier, director general of the Panama-California exposition of San Diego:

While riding along a mountain road in San Diego, Cal., Mr. Collier came upon a dilapidated corral fence upon which hung a sign bearing the following announcement: "For Sail." A bright-looking small boy sat on the fence beside the sign, and Mr. Collier asked him, "When does this ranch

The small boy glanced up quickly at Mr. Collier, smiled, and said, "When some sucker comes along who can raise the wind." Mr. Collier doffed his sombrero, thanked the lad for his information, and rode on his way feeling greatly enlightened .-Hearst's Magazine.

Little Study in Relative Value. On the 23d of June Edward Albert,

prince of Wales, was 18 years of age. That means that he was old enough to rule the British empire if his father were to die.

But he won't be "of age" with all which that implies in English law until he is 21.

And he will not be free to choose a wife until he is 25.

An odd logic this-with 18 goes the rule of an empire; with 21 the power to incur debts, and with 25 the right to choose a wife.

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